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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Peter Mygatt
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RE: Public Response to Monticello Remedial Action Program

Dear Mr. Mygatt:

We have reviewed the Feasibility Study for the Monticello, Utah, Uranium Mill Tailings/Site, Volumes I and II. Alternate II, "Removal to a licensed repository", is of particular interest to Umetco as we are a co-owner and the operator of the licensed repository addressed in the feasibility study. We were not previously contacted by UNC Geotech and have not participated in the preparation of the study.

Our project review and analysis indicates that disposal in our Blanding facility can substantially reduce the estimated costs stated in the document. Our project estimate is based on our recent experience in executing uranium mill tailings projects as a DOE subcontractor at Riverton, Wyoming and as a private operator at Blanding, Utah and Uravan, Colorado.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our views with UNC Geotech and DOE. We believe that the best interests of the U. S. Government and the public are best served by discussions with Umetco on this alternative.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Frost
Director of Reclamation

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